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1. WE ARE ADVISED THAT MARCH LUIGI PARILLI HAS BEEN FORMALLY  
APPOINTED BY SHAPE TO THE ITALIAN CHIEF OF STAFF FOR DEFENSE AS A  
CO-ORDINATE FOR OFFICIAL OR SEMI-OFFICIAL LIAISON BETWEEN SHAPE AND  
VATICAN. PARILLI HAS BEEN INDUSTRIALIST, FASCIST INSPECTOR ABROAD,  
INFLUENTIAL OF BOTH GERMANS AND ANGLO-AMERICANS, AND PERFORMED  
LIAISON FUNCTION IN THE NEGOTIATION FOR THE GERMAN SURRENDER IN  
NORTHERN ITALY (USS OPERATION SUNRISE).

2. ALTHOUGH PARILLI UNDOUBTLY HAS NUMEROUS VATICAN CONTACTS  
AND EVEN DIRECT ACCESS TO POPE, WE ARE ADVISED HIS PROPOSED APPOINTMENT  
WOULD CAUSE UNFAVORABLE REACTION AMONG MANY INFLUENTIAL ITALIANS.  
BECAUSE OF PARILLI'S DOUBLE AGENT ROLE DURING THE WAR THE CHIEF OF  
COMBINED ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAS ADVISED THE ITALIAN  
CHIEF OF STAFF FOR DEFENSE THAT PARILLI IS HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE FOR  
THE POSITION.

3. ABOVE IS FROM RELIABLE AND MOST SENSITIVE SOURCE.

4. ASIDE FROM REACTION ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CERTAIN PARILLI'S  
RECORD AS DOUBLE AGENT DURING LAST WAR AND CERTAIN QUESTIONABLE  
POST-WAR ACTIVITIES AND MANEUVERINGS WOULD SEEM TO MAKE HIM UNDESIRABLE  
CANDIDATE FOR SUCH SENSITIVE POSITION.

5. SHOULD PASS FOREGOING DIRECTLY TO JUDGE FOR SUCH ACTION  
AS MAY BE DESIRABLE EXPLAINING THAT WE ARE FURNISHING THIS IN LINE  
WITH OUR DUTY TO SUPPLY C.I. INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE USE TO SAECI.

RELEASING OFFICER  
RICHARD HELMS

ORIGINATING AND COORDINATING OFFICERS

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TOD: 02/12 16 JUNE 51

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